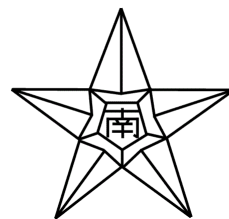


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Ahead of the Summer Break

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Thank you very much to all the parents and members of the community who visited our school for the Sports Day on June 1st and during last week's Open School Week. I believe it was encouraging for the students to have parents see them studying diligently and working together to achieve shared goals. During the district-wide Moral Education Open Lecture, parents had the opportunity to observe moral education lessons in each class, as well as attend a special lecture. I hope these experiences will lead to meaningful conversations at home between parents and their children. Since last month, our swimming lessons have begun, and it's been a joy to hear the students' cheerful voices echoing from our newly renovated pool. Despite the ongoing hot weather, seeing the students full of energy and smiles brings a sense of peace and inspiration—it truly warms my heart.

As we head into July, we approach the final stretch of the first term. From the sixth graders' school trip to the various activities planned across all grade levels, students will take time to reflect on what they've accomplished since April. We aim to help them recognize their growth and efforts, and to foster confidence moving forward. We also have Individual Parent-Teacher Meetings coming up. We look forward to sharing how your child has been doing at school and would be grateful if you could share how things have been at home as well.

The summer break is just around the corner. This year, the first term will end on July 18th, giving us a slightly longer break than usual. I hope everyone enjoys a safe, enjoyable, and meaningful summer break. We will continue to do our utmost to support the healthy development of each and every student. As always, thank you for your continued understanding and support.

The Special Support Classroom (Step Room)

Special Support Head Teacher

Since the 2016 school year, our school has operated a Special Support Classroom (known as the "Step Room") to provide tailored assistance for students with developmental characteristics that may affect their daily life or learning. This dedicated space offers individualized support designed to meet each student's specific needs. In the Step Room, students set personalized goals and engage in learning activities suited to their developmental stage and learning profile. Here are some examples of the kinds of support we provide:

- For students who find it difficult to speak appropriately in different situations, we conduct expression practice through role-play and guided conversations. This helps them learn appropriate language use and communication skills that suit various social contexts, such as playing or talking with friends.
- For students who struggle with body coordination, posture, or self-regulation, we offer repeated physical exercises designed with various challenges. These activities aim to improve their sense of balance, tactile awareness, and motor control.

Through this kind of individualized learning, we aim to help each student thrive in their regular classroom setting and lead a fulfilling school life. We remain committed to continuing this support so that every child can grow and learn in a positive and inclusive environment.

July Goal

Reflect on your Studies and School Life in the 1st Term

July Events Schedule

Date	Day	School Events	Assembly, Etc.	Periods/ Dismissal Time					
				G1	G2	G3	G4	G5	G6
1	Tue	Kanji • Keisan		5	5	5	6	6	6
2	Wed	Class	Morning Classes	4	4	4	4	4	4
3	Thu	Keisan • Kanji	G6 Roppongi JHS Experience	5	5	6	6	6	6
4	Fri	Reading Aloud (1-3) Reading (4-6)	Clothed Swimming 5 Periods	5	5	5	5	5	5
5	Sat								
6	Sun								
7	Mon	Assembly	5 Periods Food-loss Week	5	5	5	5	5	5
8	Tue	Kanji • Keisan	Evac. Drill G6 Pre-trip Checkup 9:00	5	5	5	6	6	6
9	Wed	Class	G6 Hakone School Trip	5	5	5	5	5	6
10	Thu	Keisan • Kanji	G6 Hakone School Trip	5	5	6	6	6	6
11	Fri	Reading Aloud (1-3) Reading (4-6)	G6 Hakone School Trip Step Room Indiv. P-T Meetings (~18)	5	6	6	6	6	6
12	Sat								
13	Sun								
14	Mon	Pool Closing Assembly	Indiv. P-T Meetings ① Morning Classes G6 Swim Meet	4	4	4	4	4	4
15	Tue	School Life Questionnaire	Indiv. P-T Meetings ② Morning Classes	4	4	4	4	4	4
16	Wed	Assembly	Indiv. P-T Meetings ③ Morning Classes	4	4	4	4	4	4
17	Thu	Safety Instruction	Indiv. P-T Meetings ④ Morning Classes School Lunch Ends	4	4	4	4	4	4
18	Fri	Closing Ceremony	3 Periods	3	3	3	3	3	3
19	Sat								
20	Sun								
21	Mon		Marine Day Summer Break Starts						
22	Tue		Summer Swimming ① (G3~6) Hakone Pre-camp Checkup						
23	Wed		Summer Swimming ② (G1,2) Hakone Summer Camp						
24	Thu		Summer Swimming ③ (G1,2) Hakone Summer Camp						
25	Fri		Summer Swimming ④ (G3~6)						
26	Sat								
27	Sun								
28	Mon		Summer Swimming ⑤ (G1,2)						
29	Tue		Summer Swimming ⑥ (G3~6)						
30	Wed		Summer Swimming ⑦⑧ (All Grades, Test)						
31	Thu		Summer Swimming ⑨⑩ (All Grades, Test Make-up Day)						

★Any day that is not marked as "B schedule" is an A schedule.

★Dismissal Time

【A Schedule】 3 Periods : 11:40 4 Periods : 13:15 5 Periods : 14:40 6 Periods : 15:30

【B Schedule】 4 Periods(With Lunch) : 12:55 4 Periods(Without Lunch) : 12:10 5 Periods : 13:55

*For Detailed dismissal times please see the notifications from each class

School Closure Period in August

All elementary schools in Minato City will be closed from August 1 (Fri) to August 22 (Fri).

During this period, faculty and staff will not be on duty at our school. In the event of a serious accident or emergency, please contact the school's emergency mobile phone at: 080-5381-5411.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Early September Schedule

September 1 (Mon) Opening Ceremony 4 Periods

2 (Tue) School lunch starts Measurements G1 and 2 Project exhibition begins

G1 and 2 5 periods G3 ~ 6 6periods

Notice to All Grades

◆ About the School Evaluation ◆

A QR code for the school evaluation survey will be distributed on June 30 (Mon). We understand you are busy, but we kindly ask that you complete the survey by July 10 (Thu).

◆ About Parent-Teacher Meeting ◆

Thank you for responding to the scheduling survey. The confirmed appointment schedule will be distributed on July 4 (Fri). Please check the date and time and visit the school accordingly. If you are unable to attend due to unexpected circumstances, please coordinate with other parents in the class to arrange a new time, and notify the homeroom teacher of the change.

◆ Summer Swimming Schedule ◆

Grades 1,2: July 23, 24, 28 Grades 3–6: July 22, 25, 29

All Grades (Swim Proficiency Test): July 30 Make-up Test Day: July 31

*Details will be provided in a separate notice regarding swim participation, to be distributed later by the school.

◆ Artificial Turf Construction on the School Field ◆

The Minato City Board of Education has informed us that construction to install artificial turf on the school field will begin on August 1. Due to a delay in the project start, completion is expected around January 2026.

◆ Use of the "Hoka-GO Club" (After-school Program) ◆

After dismissal, the Hoka-GO Club may contact families to confirm their child's attendance. If your child uses Hoka-GO, please confirm with your child each morning whether they will attend that day. We kindly ask that you do not send day-of attendance changes through the school.

◆ Swimming with Clothes (Clothed Swimming Safety Lesson) ◆

Students in Grades 3 to 6 will participate in a clothed swimming lesson on July 4 (Fri). This is part of a safety education program where students learn how to respond in case of an accident in a river or at the sea. Please ensure your child brings all necessary items and comes prepared.

[Items to Bring]

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Usual swimming gear (swimsuit, towel, swim cap) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pool card |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long-sleeved shirt and long pants | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean shoes (washed in advance) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> A 2-liter plastic bottle (cleaned and labeled) | <input type="checkbox"/> Plastic bag (for taking home wet clothing) |

Grade Level Notices (July)

Grade 1

○ Taking home of study materials

As we approach summer vacation, starting next week, students will gradually begin bringing their learning materials home. When your child brings home their tote bag, please have them bring it back to school the following day. During the summer break, please keep the learning materials at home and send them back with your child at the start of the second term. We kindly ask you to check that your child's name is written on all items and to replenish any consumable supplies as needed during the break.

○ Taking home morning glory pots

In preparation for summer vacation, we kindly ask parents to take home their child's morning glory plant.

- Please take your child's plant home on the day of your Individual P-T Meeting (July 14 (Mon) to 17 (Thu)).
- Homework will be distributed over the summer break to care for and observe the plant.
- Please have your child bring the plant back to school in September. Even if the plant has wilted, please bring it as is, as we will use it for seed collection and wreath-making activities after September. The schedule for these activities will be shared later.

Grade 2

○《Regarding the mini tomatoes》

As part of our Life Studies curriculum, the students have been growing mini tomato plants. We kindly ask that you take your child's potted tomato plant home during the parent-teacher conference period and care for it over the summer. Please bring a large bag for carrying the plant. As part of the summer homework, students will observe and record the growth and development of the tomatoes, especially when the fruit begins to appear. There is no need to return the pot to school after summer break. However, since the pots may be used again in 3rd grade, we ask that you keep them stored safely at home.

○《Regarding the paint set》

In Art class, we will soon begin activities using paints. Please take a moment to read the notice we recently sent home regarding the paint set. We kindly ask that you label each item individually with your child's name, including the brushes, paints, and other tools. Please have your child bring the complete paint set to school July 7 (Mon). Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Grade 3

○ Taking Home the garden balsam plant

As part of our Science studies, students have been growing garden balsam plants. We kindly ask that you take your child's plant home during the parent-teacher conference period. (The pot used is the same one previously used for growing morning glories. Please bring a bag large enough to carry it.) Students will have observation homework over the summer, so we also ask for your help with watering and care during the break.

○ Summer Creature Exploration Team –July 7 (Mon) ※Make-up Date: July 14 (Mon)

We will be inviting a guest teacher to join us for an insect exploration activity in the Nanzan Forest. If temperatures are high, we will shorten the activity time to ensure safety. Please prepare a large water bottle for your child and take steps for insect protection, such as wearing long pants and bringing a long-sleeved jacket or shirt. We appreciate your continued support and cooperation

Grade 4

○ Preparation for Math Class

Since June, students have been learning how to use a protractor in Math class. They've also been working with set squares and using compasses for geometric drawing. Upon checking students' supplies, we noticed that some set squares were chipped and some compasses were broken. Moving forward, the following items will be essential for Math lessons: ruler, protractor, set squares, and compass. Please check your child's supplies at home and replace any missing or damaged items as needed.

○Water and Sewer System Caravan Lessons

As part of our Social Studies unit, students participated in special outreach lessons on water supply and sewage systems. We hope this experience will serve as a meaningful opportunity for families to reflect together on the importance of water in our daily lives.

Grade 5

○Pre-Camp Health Check for Hakone Summer School July 22 (Tue) gather by 12:50 What to bring: Camp pamphlet, Health Card

※If your child is unable to receive the health check at school, please be sure to have it done at a medical facility and inform the school of the results by the end of the day on July 22.

○ Hakone Summer Camp July 23 (Wed) gather by 7:35

July 24 (Thu) arrival at school around 3:00 (Please understand time may vary due to traffic.)

Grade 6

○Regarding the Junior High School Trial Class

On July 3 (Thu), during 5th and 6th periods, students will participate in a trial lesson at Roppongi Junior High School as part of preparations for next year's transition to junior high school. This will be a valuable opportunity for students to get a feel for junior high school life. After the trial, students will return to Nanzan Elementary School and go home from there. Please check and confirm the dismissal time with your child.

Estimated dismissal time: around 3:45.

Thing to bring: Backpack, water bottle, handkerchief, tissue, pencil case

○Regarding the Swim Meet

Date and Time: July 14 (Mon) 9:10~10:10 (Makeup day July 15 (Tue) 9:10~10:10)

Students will choose the swimming event they would like to challenge themselves in, and their times will be recorded. Please check with your child to see which event they have entered. We warmly invite all parents and guardians to come and watch as this event marks the culmination of the elementary school swimming program. It will be a great opportunity to see the results of the students' hard work and practice. Viewing for parents will be available near the stairs leading down to the pool, located to the right of the gymnasium, by the white fence. Thank you for your cooperation and support.